



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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Director of Planning

May 13, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 (PLANNING AND ZONING) RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW STANDARDS FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consider the attached Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process, find on the basis of the entire record before the Board that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment, find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board, and adopt the Negative Declaration.
2. Approve the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission to establish new case processing procedures and development standards for child care facilities.
3. Adopt the attached ordinance, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, to amend Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code as recommended by the Regional Planning Commission and determine that it is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan and the County's Strategic Plan.
4. Find that the adoption of the proposed amendments to Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code is *de minimus* in its effect on fish and wildlife resources; and authorize the Director of Planning to complete and file a Certificate of Fee Exemption for the project.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The proposed ordinance amendment is in response to your Board's motion instructing the Department of Regional Planning and the Regional Planning Commission to

evaluate current case processing procedures and development standards for child care facilities, and to modify them as necessary to help assure the availability of affordable child care services. Your Board suggested

that the Department should remove unneeded regulatory barriers to establishing such facilities while continuing to be mindful of protecting the character of local residential neighborhoods. The attached proposed ordinance, which contains the recommendations of the Regional Planning Commission, constitutes our response to your directions.

Historically, the zoning requirements for child care facilities, particularly large family child care homes, have been overly burdensome for providers, who are often lower income residents of our communities. The proposed ordinance removes unwarranted burdens for these providers. With acute shortages of child care services in Los Angeles County, the new provisions would be particularly helpful in the effort to satisfy unmet child care needs.

### **Implementation of Countywide Strategic Plan Goals**

This proposed ordinance promotes the County's Strategic Plan goals of Service Excellence and Children's and Families' Well-being. The ordinance establishes timely, streamlined, and cost-efficient procedures for processing applications for zoning approval of child care facilities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Implementation of the proposed amendments will result in some minimal new costs to the County and to the Department of Regional Planning. The site plan review and conditional use permit fees for child care facilities have been significantly reduced; however, due to the small number of case filings, the annual cost of these fee reductions to the Department will not be significant.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Under State law, there are three types of child care facilities: small family child care homes that may serve a maximum of eight children, large family child care homes that may serve a maximum of 14 children, and child care centers. Small and large family child care homes must be established in a residence by a provider who lives in the residence, whereas child care centers may be established in a commercial structure. The State has determined that local jurisdictions may not apply zoning regulations to small family child care homes, may apply limited regulations to large family child care homes, and may apply a wide range of zoning regulations to child care centers.

The County Zoning Code's requirement for a director's review for large family day care homes is in many instances an unnecessary burden for providers, who are often lower income residents of our communities. These facilities have been designated by the State of California as a "residential use of property", thereby limiting the County's

regulatory zoning authority for these facilities. Additionally, the State Department of Social Services Child Care Licensing Division licenses and enforces numerous standards for these facilities, minimizing the need for County-applied zoning standards. Third, large family day care homes generally have minimal impacts on local residential neighborhoods. For these reasons, the County can simplify and reduce some zoning requirements and still protect neighborhoods and children. Accordingly, the Commission has proposed establishing a "registration" procedure for large family day care homes in lieu of the previous director's review procedure.

Under this new procedure, in Zones R-3 and R-4, and in all commercial zones, large family child care homes would be permitted by right where, in many instances, a director's review was previously required. Applicants for large family child care homes in agricultural zones and in Zones R-1, R-2, and R-A would be required to register their facility with the Department so that, in the event of a complaint from adjacent property owners during operation of the facility, the Department will be able to identify the applicant and property owner and respond to the complaint on a timely and efficient basis. In registering, the applicant must meet certain minimal standards; if the proposed facility does not meet those standards, the applicant will be required to submit a site plan for review, and the Department will notify adjacent property owners of the proposal, informing them that they may protest the project. In the event there is a protest, a public hearing would be required. There is no fee for registration, and the subsequent notification of adjacent property owners, if necessary, would be handled by the Department—also at no fee.

The new ordinance would also reduce the regulatory requirements for child care centers in some instances. Whereas a conditional use permit was previously required for child care centers in all residential zones, the proposed ordinance permits child care centers by right in Zone R-3 if the facility has 50 children or less, and in Zone R-4, irrespective of the number of children served.

Additionally, development standards have been modified in instances where a change would not result in negative impacts to local residential neighborhoods and the safety of the children can be assured. Since the State Child Care Licensing Division of the Department of Social Services licenses child care centers, County regulatory requirements could be lessened where State regulations already exist.

The Regional Planning Commission recommended approval of these amendments to the zoning ordinance, believing that the provisions would remove needless barriers to the construction of child care facilities while limiting the impacts on residential neighborhoods and protecting the safety of children.

A public hearing is required pursuant to Section 22.16.200 of the County Code and Sections 65856 and 66016 of the Government Code. Required notice must be given pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 22.60.174 of the County Code. These procedures exceed the minimum standards of Government Code Sections 6061, 65090, 65856, and 66016 relating to notice of public hearing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The attached Initial Study concludes that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before your Board, that the adoption of the proposed ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 15070 of the State CEQA Guidelines, a Negative Declaration was prepared. A copy of the proposed Negative Declaration has been transmitted to 80 public libraries for public review. Public notice was published in 13 newspapers of general circulation pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092. No comments on the proposed Negative Declaration were received during the public review period.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The County's service obligations would be reduced due to more expeditious zoning case processing requirements and time expenditures. It would be easier to establish a child care facility while protecting the environment of surrounding residential neighborhoods. The result would be expanded child care services for the children of Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING



James E. Hartl, AICP  
Director of Planning

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### **Attachments**

1. Resolution of the Regional Planning Commission
2. Project Summary
3. Ordinance Approved by the Regional Planning Commission
4. Negative Declaration
5. Board Motion
6. Summary of Proceedings
7. Legal Notice of Board Hearing
8. List of Persons to be Notified

C: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller

# RESOLUTION

## REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has conducted a public hearing on January 30 and March 27, 2002 on the matter of amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code relating to establishment of new development standards and case processing procedures for child care facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission finds as follows:

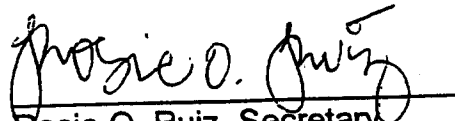
1. The demand for child care services has always outstripped the supply, and due to progressive increases in single parent and two working parent families, as well as recent welfare reforms, demand for such services has skyrocketed further compared to the existing supply for residents of Los Angeles County.
2. The County Code currently requires a conditional use permit and related burdensome costs and case processing procedures for the establishment of many child care facilities, and such facilities are also prohibited from locating in some zones where they would be safe and compatible with other allowable uses.
3. As a result of the great demand and the nature of current County Code regulations, the County Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Regional Planning to explore ways of reducing land use regulatory barriers to the establishment of child care facilities.
4. The proposed amendment to the Code would provide new development standards and case processing procedures for many child care facilities, reducing needless barriers to establishment of facilities while protecting surrounding neighborhoods from the potential negative effects of these facilities.
5. The proposed ordinance would further reduce barriers to establishment of child care facilities by reducing application filing fees for applicant-providers, who are often lower income persons who could not establish a new facility without some financial aid.
6. The proposed ordinance would further the Board's efforts to meet the critical need for child care services in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.
7. The proposed ordinance is compatible with and supportive of the policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan in providing needed facilities and services to the residents of unincorporated areas of the County.

8. The State of California has authorized local legislative efforts to reduce the regulatory barriers to establishing child care facilities.
9. An Initial Study was prepared for this project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and the Initial Study showed that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning has prepared a Negative Declaration for this project. The Commission finds that the proposed amendments to the County Code will not have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the State CEQA Guidelines and the Los Angeles County Environmental Document and Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. The Commission further finds that the project is *de minimus* in its effect on fish and wildlife resources and the project is exempt from the payment of State Department of Fish and Game fees pursuant to Section 711.2 of the California Fish and Game Code.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regional Planning Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. That the Board hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code establishing new development standards and case processing procedures for child care facilities;
2. That the Board certify completion of and approve the attached Negative Declaration and find that the proposed amendments to Title 22 will not have a significant effect on the environment;
3. That the Board of Supervisors find that the adoption of the proposed amendments is *de minimus* in its effect on fish and wildlife resources, and authorize the Director of Planning to complete and file a Certificate of Fee Exemption for the project; and
4. That the Board adopt an ordinance containing modifications to Title 22 as recommended by this Commission, and determine that the modifications are compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on May 8, 2002.

  
Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary  
Regional Planning Commission  
County of Los Angeles

## DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

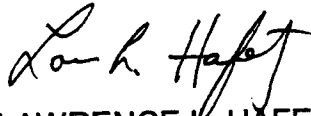
### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

<b>PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:</b>	Proposed amendments to Title 22 (Zoning Code) establishing new development standards and case processing procedures for child care facilities.
<b>REQUEST:</b>	Approval of the proposed amendments to Title 22.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Countywide.
<b>STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Mr. Erlanger at (213) 974-6432.
<b>RPC MEETING DATE:</b>	January 30, 2002, March 27, 2002, and May 8, 2002.
<b>RPC RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Board hearing and approval of proposed Ordinance.
<b>MEMBERS VOTING AYE:</b>	Commissioners Valadez, Helsley, Bellamy, Rew, and Modugno.
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	None.
<b>KEY ISSUES:</b>	The existing case processing procedures for child care facilities in many instances constitute needless barriers to the establishment of child care facilities. The proposed ordinance establishes new development standards and case processing procedures for child care facilities, removing needless regulatory barriers while continuing to protect local neighborhoods from potential negative effects of these facilities.
<b>MAJOR POINTS FOR:</b>	The ordinance reduces regulatory barriers for family day care homes, which ordinarily have only minimal impacts on local neighborhoods.
<b>MAJOR POINTS AGAINST:</b>	None.

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 22 – Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code to establish new development standards and case processing procedures for child care facilities. The ordinance reduces permitting requirements and filing fees for large family child care homes and child care facilities. The ordinance also establishes development standards for large family child care homes in low density residential zones to ensure their compatibility with the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood.

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance amending Title 22 - Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code to modify requirements for child care facilities.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 22.08.030 is hereby amended to revise the definition of child care center as follows:

**22.08.030 C.**

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-- "Child care center" means a facility other than a large family day child care home or a small family child care home in which less than 24-hour-per-day nonmedical care and supervision is provided for children in a group setting as defined and licensed under the regulations of the state of California.

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**SECTION 2.** Section 22.08.060 is hereby amended to delete the definition of family day care home and to add the following definitions of large family child care home and small family child care home in alphabetical order as follows:

**22.08.060 F.**

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-- "Family day child care home, large," means a facility home where that regularly provides non-medical care, protection, and supervision is provided to for nine (9) to fourteen (14) children, in the caregiver's provider's own home, for periods of less than 24-hours 24 hours per day

as defined and licensed under the regulations of the state of California.

~~Family day care homes" include large family day care homes and small family day care homes.~~

-- "Family child care home, small" means a home that regularly provides non-medical care, protection, and supervision for eight (8) or fewer children in the provider's own home for periods of less than 24 hours per day, as defined and licensed under the regulations of the state of California.

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**SECTION 3.** Section 22.08.120 is hereby amended to delete the definition of large family day care home as follows:

**22.08.120 L.**

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~~"Large family day care home" means a home which provides family day care for seven to 12 children, including those children under the age of 10 years who reside at the home.~~

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**SECTION 4.** Section 22.08.190 is hereby amended to delete the definition of small family day care home as follows:

**22.08.190 S.**

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~~“Small family day care home” means a home which provides family day care to six or fewer children, including those children under the age of 10 years who reside at the home.~~

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**SECTION 5.** Section 22.20.021 is hereby added to read as follows:

**22.20.021 Large Family Child Care Homes – Regulations.**

A. Large family child care homes established in Zone R-1, R-2 or R-A shall be subject to the filing of a “Notice of Intent to Establish a Large Family Child Care Home” with the director. No fee shall be required for this filing. Except as provided in subsection B, every large family child care home in Zone R-1, R-2 or R-A shall be subject to the following development standards:

1. Drop-off/pick up areas, such as curb spaces and driveway areas, which are of sufficient size and are located to avoid interference with traffic and to insure the safety of children must be identified; and

2. The proposed facility shall not be located:

a. Within two lots of an existing large family child care home on the same side of the street; and

b. On the lot directly across the street from an existing large family child care home, or on either of the lots adjoining such lot on that side of the street.

3. In those cases where lot sizes or configurations, such as corner lots, do not conform to those described in subsection 2 above, the proposed facility shall not be located on any lot determined by the director to be of comparable proximity to an existing large family child care home as the lots described in subsection 2 above.

B. Where the standards of subsections A.1 and A.2 above have not been met, they may be modified by the director pursuant to the procedures of Part 12 of Chapter 22.56 and the requirements set forth in Section 22.56.1757.

**SECTION 6.** Sections 22.20.070, 22.20.170, and 22.20.410, and subsections 22.24.070.A and 22.24.120.A are hereby amended to revise the list of permitted uses in Zones R-1, R-2, R-A, A-1 and A-2 in alphabetical order as follows:

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-- Family child care homes, large, subject to the procedures and standards provided in subsection A of Section 22.20.021.

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-- ~~Small f~~Family day child care homes, small.

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**SECTION 7.** Section 22.20.090 and subsections 22.20.190.A, 22.20.430.A, 22.24.090.A, and 22.24.140.A are hereby amended to revise the list of uses subject to director's review and approval in Zones R-1, R-2, R-A, A-1 and A-2 in alphabetical order as follows:

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- ~~Large-f~~Family day child care homes, large, where the standards of subsection A of Section 22.20.021 have not been met.

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**SECTION 8.** Section 22.20.260 is hereby amended to revise the list of permitted uses in Zone R-3 in alphabetical order as follows:

**22.20.260 Permitted uses.**

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- Child care centers serving no more than 50 children.

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- Family child care homes, large.

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- ~~Small-f~~Family day child care homes, small.

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**SECTION 9.** Subsection A of Section 22.20.280 is hereby amended to revise the list of uses subject to director's review and approval in Zone R-3 in alphabetical order as follows:

**22.20.280 Uses subject to director's review and approval.**

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-- Child care centers serving more than 50 children.

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—— ~~Large family day care homes.~~

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**SECTION 10.** Subsection A of Section 22.20.290 is hereby amended to delete child care centers from the list of uses subject to permits in Zone R-3 as follows:

**22.20.290 Uses subject to permits.**

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—— ~~Child care centers.~~

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**SECTION 11.** Section 22.20.340 is hereby amended to revise the list of permitted uses in Zone R-4 in alphabetical order as follows:

**22.20.340 Permitted uses.**

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-- Child care centers.

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-- Family child care homes, large.

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-- ~~Small-f~~ Family day child care homes, small.

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**SECTION 12.** Subsection A of Section 22.20.360 is hereby amended to delete large family day care homes from the list of uses subject to director's review and approval in Zone R-4 as follows:

**22.20.360 Uses subject to director's review and approval.**

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~~Large family day care homes.~~

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**SECTION 13.** Subsection B of Section 22.20.360 is hereby amended to delete child care centers from the list of uses subject to director's review and approval in Zone R-4 as follows:

**22.20.360 Uses subject to director's review and approval.**

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B.

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~~Child care centers, where operated in conjunction with and incidental to a legally established accredited school offering instruction required to be taught by the Education Code.~~

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**SECTION 14.** Subsection A of Section 22.20.370 is hereby amended to delete child care centers from the list of uses subject to permits in Zone R-4 as follows:

**22.20.370 Uses subject to permits.**

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~~Child care centers, except as otherwise provided in Section 22.20.360.~~

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**SECTION 15.** Subsections 22.28.030.A, 22.28.080.A.2, 22.28.130.A.2, 22.28.180.A.2, 22.28.230.A.2, and 22.40.190.A.2 are hereby amended to revise the list of permitted uses in Zones C-H, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-M, and R-R in alphabetical order as follows:

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-- Family child care homes, large.

-- Family day child care homes, small.

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**SECTION 16.** Subsection A.1 of Section 22.28.290 is hereby amended to revise the list of permitted uses in Zone C-R in alphabetical order as follows:

**22.28.290      Permitted uses.**

A.    ...

1.    Services.

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-- Child care centers.

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-- Family child care homes, large.

-- Family child care homes, small.

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**SECTION 17.** Subsection C is hereby added to Section 22.32.150 to read as follows:

**22.32.150 Permitted and conditional uses - - Development standards.**

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C. If a conditional use permit has first been obtained as provided in Part 1 of Chapter 22.56, property in Zone MPD may be used for child care centers.

**SECTION 18.** Subsection H.10 of Section 22.52.840 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.52.840 Outdoor advertising signs - - Conditions.**

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H. Tobacco Advertising Prohibited in Certain Areas of the County.

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10. "Child care center" means a facility, other than a family day child care home, in which less than 24-hour-per-day nonmedical care and supervision is provided for children in a group setting as defined and licensed under the regulations of the state of California.

For purposes of this subsection, "child care center" shall not include such a facility when it is appurtenant and clearly subordinate to a commercial or industrial activity, established on the same lot or parcel, and operated for the children of the employees of the commercial or industrial activity.

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**SECTION 19.** Subsection I.10 of Section 22.52.840 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.52.840 Outdoor advertising signs - - Conditions.**

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I. Alcoholic Beverage Advertising Prohibited in Certain Areas of the County.

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10. "Child care center" means a facility, other than a family day child care home, in which less than 24-hour-per-day nonmedical care and supervision is provided for children in a group setting as defined and licensed under the regulations of the state of California.

For purposes of this subsection, "child care center" shall not include such a facility when it is appurtenant and clearly subordinate to a commercial or industrial activity, established on the same lot or parcel, and operated for the children of the employees of the commercial or industrial activity.

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**SECTION 20.** Subsection J.9 of Section 22.52.840 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.52.840 Outdoor advertising signs - - Conditions.**

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J. Advertising Adult Telephone Messages Prohibited in Certain Areas of the County.

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9. "Child care Center" means a facility, other than a family day child care home, in which less than 24-hour-per-day nonmedical care and supervision is provided for children in a group setting as defined and licensed under the regulations of the state of California.

For purposes of this subsection, "child care center" shall not include such a facility when it is appurtenant and clearly subordinate to a commercial or industrial activity, established on the same lot or parcel, and operated for the children of the employees of the commercial or industrial activity.

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**SECTION 21.** Section 22.52.1105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.52.1105 Day care facilities.**

A. Every adult day care facility, and child care center ~~and large family day care home~~ shall have one parking space for each ~~nonresident~~ staff member and any motor vehicle used directly in conducting such use.

B. In addition to the parking required in subsection A of this section, each child care center shall have one parking space for each 20 children for whom a license has been issued by the State of California. Every ~~large family day care home and each~~ child care center shall have a specific area designated and marked for off-street drop-off and pickup of the children.

**SECTION 22.** Section 22.56.1757 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.56.1757 Director's review -- Large family day child care homes.**

A. An application for a large family day child care home shall contain the information as required in Section 22.56.1680, except that the applicant need not comply with subsection B of that section, and shall substantiate to the satisfaction of the director the applicable findings required by subsections C.1 and C.2 below.

~~B. In all cases where an application is filed and the applicant is not the owner of all the property proposed to be used, the director shall cause a notice indicating the applicant's request to be given to all persons listed in the application as owning any or all of the property to be used.~~

~~C. The director shall approve an application for a large family day care home that complies with the following standards and limitations:~~

~~1. Parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with Section 22.52.1105.~~

~~2. A specific area shall be designated and marked for off-street drop-off and pickup of children in accordance with Section 22.52.1105.~~

~~3. The large family day care home is not located within a 300-foot radius of an existing large family day care home.~~

~~D. A large family day care home in a single family residence may, in lieu of the standards described in subsections C1 and C2, provide an area of sufficient size to accommodate one standard size vehicle for each nonresident staff member and an area for the off-street drop-off and pickup of children, plus adequate access thereto.~~

B. The director shall cause notice of the proposed use to be mailed, as specified in subsection C.3 below. The notice shall describe the proposed facility and the proposed modification(s) to the standards cited in Section 22.20.021, as well as state that any person opposed to the granting of such modification may submit a written protest to the director within the prescribed 15-day period.

E~~C~~. The director may, without public hearing, approve a modification of the requirements contained in subsections ~~C and D~~ A.1 and A.2 of Section 22.20.021 where he finds:

1. For a modification of the requirements contained in subsection A.1 of Section 22.20.021, ~~T~~that said modification will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking, or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding property;

2. For a modification of the requirements contained in subsection A.2 of Section 22.20.021, that said modification will not result in traffic congestion and that the proposed facility is necessary to serve the needs of children not met in existing nearby large family child care homes.

~~2 3.~~ That no written protest to the proposed modification has been received within 15 working days following the date of mailing by the director, of notice of the proposed modification by first class mail, ~~postage prepaid~~, to all persons whose names and addresses appear on the latest available assessment roll of the county of Los Angeles as owning property within a distance of 100 feet from the exterior boundaries of the parcel of land on which the use is proposed. Such notice shall also

~~indicate that any person opposed to the granting of such modification may express such opposition by written protest to the director within the prescribed 15-day period. owners and occupants of the subject property and of all properties within a comparable proximity to the proposed facility as those properties described in subsection A.2 of Section 22.20.021, as determined by the director.~~

~~FD.~~ In all cases where a timely written protest to the proposed modification has been received a public hearing shall be scheduled before the hearing officer. Notification shall be as provided for in subsection ~~E2C3~~. All procedures relative to public hearing and appeal shall be the same as for a conditional use permit. ~~f~~Following a public hearing, the hearing officer shall approve or deny the proposed modification, based on the findings required by this section for approval by the director exclusive of written protest.

**SECTION 23.** Subsection A of Section 22.60.100 is hereby amended to add the following fees in alphabetical order as follows:

**22.60.100      Filing fees and deposits.**

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-- Conditional Use Permits for Child Care Centers - \$2,239.00, except that a reduced fee of \$1,119.00 shall be imposed where the applicant is a nonprofit organization having an annual operating budget of less than \$500,000.00. As used herein, "nonprofit organization" means an organization formed under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law (Corporations Code section 5110 et seq.) and as

described in Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; provided, however that a corporation or any body organized for the private gain of any person, or for which any part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual is not a nonprofit organization as used herein.

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-- Site Plan Review, Director's Review for Large Family Child Care Homes,  
\$144.00.

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-- Site Plan Review, Director's Review for Child Care Centers--\$289.00,  
except that a reduced fee of \$144.00 shall be imposed where the applicant is a  
nonprofit organization having an annual operating budget of less than \$500,000.00. As  
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is not a nonprofit organization as used herein.

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**SECTION 24.** Subsection A.4.a of Section 22.60.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.60.230 Initiation of appeals and calls for review.**

A. Appeals.

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4. Fee for appeals to the Regional Planning Commission.

a. Processing Fee. Upon filing an appeal with the regional planning commission, the appellant shall pay a processing fee in the amount of \$1027.00 to be applied in its entirety to the department of regional planning; provided, however, that when an appeal is filed from a director's review of a large family child care home, the amount of the processing fee shall be \$260.00.

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**SECTION 25.** Subsection A.5 of Section 22.60.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.60.230 Initiation of appeals and call for review.**

A. Appeals.

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5. Exception to Fees. ~~In spite of the preceding prescribed fees for appeals, w~~When the appellant is not the applicant, the preceding prescribed fees for appeals shall be reduced by 50 percent, except that this reduction shall not apply to the processing fee for an appeal from a director's review of a large family child care home, as prescribed in subsection 4.a.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
320 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NUMBER: Child day care facilities ordinance.

1. DESCRIPTION: The child day care facilities ordinance amendment will establish new development standards and case processing procedures for small and large family day care homes, and day care centers..

2. LOCATION: Countywide.

3. PROPONENT: Initiated by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

4. FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS:  
BASED ON THE INITIAL STUDY, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

PREPARED BY: Leonard Erlanger  
Ordinance Studies Section

DATE: 10/17/2001

## REVIEWING AGENCIES

### Responsible Agencies

☒ None

☐ Regional Water Quality  
Control Board

☐ Los Angeles Region

☐ Lahontan Region

☐ Coastal Commission

☐ Army Corps of Engineers

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### Trustee Agencies

☐ None

☐ State Fish and Game

☐ State Parks

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### Special reviewing Agencies

☒ None

☐ Santa Monica Mountains  
Conservancy

☐ National Parks

☐ National Forest

☐ Edwards Air Force Base

☐ Resource Conservation District  
of the Santa Monica Mountains

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Regional Significance

☒ None

☐ SCAG Criteria

☐ Air Quality

☐ Water Resources

☐ Santa Monica Mtns Area

### County Reviewing Agencies

☐ Subdivision Committee

☐ Public Works \_\_\_\_\_

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Environmental Finding:

FINAL DETERMINATION: On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning finds that this project qualifies for the following environmental document:

- ☒ NEGATIVE DECLARATION, in as much as the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

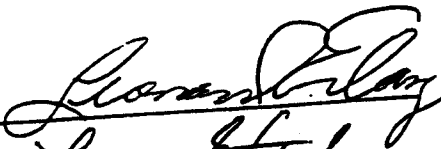
An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was determined that this project will not exceed the established threshold criteria for any environmental/service factor and, as a result, will not have a significant effect on the physical environment.

- ☐ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the changes required for the project will reduce impacts to insignificant levels (see attached discussion and/or conditions).

An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was originally determined that the proposed project may exceed established threshold criteria. The applicant has agreed to modification of the project so that it can now be determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the physical environment. The modification to mitigate this impact(s) is identified on the Project Changes/Condition Form included as part of this Initial Study.

- ☐ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT\*, inasmuch as there is substantial evidence that the project may have a significant impact due to factors listed above as "significant".

- ☐ At least one factor has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to legal standards, and has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on the attached sheets (see attached Form DRP/LA 101). The EIR is required to analyze only the factors not previously addressed.

Reviewed by: Leonard Erlanger  Date: October 17, 2001

Approved by: Lee Stark 

Date: October 17, 2001

- ☐ Determination appealed

☐ See attached sheet.

\* NOTE: Findings for Environmental Impact Reports will be prepared as a separate document following the public hearing on the project.

## HAZARDS - 2. Flood

### SETTING/IMPACTS

Yes No Maybe  
a. ☐ ☒ ☐

Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a dashed line, located on the project site?

b. ☐ ☒ ☐

Is the project site located within or does it contain a floodway, floodplain or designated flood hazard zone?

c. ☒ ☒ ☐

Is the project site located in or subject to high mudflow conditions?

d. ☒ ☒ ☐

Could the project contribute or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from run-off?

e. ☒ ☒ ☐

Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area?

f. ☒ ☐ ☐

Other factors (e.g., dam failures)?

### STANDARD MITIGATION MEASURES

- ☐ Building Ordinance No. 2225 ☐ Section 308A  
☐ Approval of Drainage Concept by DPW

☐ Ordinance No. 12,114 (Floodways)

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/MITIGATIONS

☐ Lot Size

☐ Project Design

### CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by flood (hydrological) factors?

☒ Potentially significant

☐ Less than significant with project mitigation

☒ Less than significant/No impact

## HAZARDS - 4. Noise

### SETTING/IMPACTS

- a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe ☐ Is the project site located near a high noise source (airports, railroads, freeways, industry)?
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the proposed use considered sensitive (school, hospital, senior citizen facility) or are there other sensitive uses in close proximity?
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project substantially increase ambient noise levels including those associated with special equipment (such as amplified sound systems) or parking areas associated with the project?
- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project?  
Only during short term events such as utility outages and severe wind storms.
- e. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_

### STANDARD MITIGATION MEASURES

- ☒ Noise Ordinance No. 11778 ☒ Building Ordinance No. 2225--Chapter 35

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/MITIGATIONS

- ☐ Lot Size ☒ Project Design ☐ Compatibility

Buffering, landscaping etc. requirements, noise level requirements.

### CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by noise?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

## RESOURCES - 2. Air Quality

### SETTING/IMPACTS

- a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe ☐ Will the proposed project exceed the State's criteria for regional significance (generally (a) 500 dwelling units for residential uses or (b) 40 gross acres, 650,000 square feet of floor area or 1,000 employees for non-residential uses)?
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the proposal considered a sensitive use (schools, hospitals, parks) and located near a freeway or heavy industrial use?
- c. ☒ ☒ ☐ Will the project increase local emissions to a significant extent due to increased traffic congestion or use of a parking structure or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance per Screening Tables of the CEQA Air Quality Handbook?
- d. ☒ ☒ ☐ Will the project generate or is the site in close proximity to sources which create obnoxious odors, dust, and/or hazardous emissions?
- e. ☒ ☒ ☐ Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
- f. ☒ ☒ ☐ Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
- g. ☒ ☒ ☐ Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?
- h. ☒ ☐ ☐ Other factors: \_\_\_\_\_

### STANDARD MITIGATION MEASURES

☐ Health and Safety Code ☐ Section 40506

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/MITIGATIONS

☐ Project Design ☐ Air Quality Report

### CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, air quality?

☒ Potentially significant

☐ Less than significant with project mitigation

☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 4. Archaeological/Historical/Palaeontological

SETTING/IMPACTS

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the project site in or near an area containing known archaeological resources or containing features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees) which indicate potential archaeological sensitivity?
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Does the project site contain rock formations indicating potential palaeontological resources?
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Does the project site contain known historic structures or sites?
- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource defined in Section 15064.5?
- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique palaeontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?
- f. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_

MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design ☐ Archaeology Report
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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

CONCLUSION

Considering the, above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on archaeological, historical, or palaeontological resources?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact



RESOURCES - 6. Agriculture Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS

- a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe ☐ Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?
- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_

MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design

CONCLUSION

Considering the, above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on agriculture resources?

☒ Potentially significant

☐ Less than significant with project mitigation

☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 1. Traffic/Access

SETTING/IMPACTS

- a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe ☐ Does the project contain 25 dwelling units or more and is it located in an area with known congestion problems (mid-block or intersections)?
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the project result in any hazardous traffic conditions?
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the project result in parking problems with a subsequent impact on traffic conditions?
- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will inadequate access during an emergency (other than fire hazards) result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area?
- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the congestion management program (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis thresholds of 50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link be exceeded?
- f. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?
- g. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_

MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☒ Project Design ☐ Traffic Report ☐ Consultation with Traffic & Lighting Division
- Parking design requirements will apply drop-off/pick up area, adequate parking and driveways, separation of parking and driveways from children's play areas and walkways, etc.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to traffic/access factors?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No in

SERVICES - 3. Education

SETTING/IMPACTS

- a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe ☐ Could the project create capacity problems at the district level?  
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- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project create capacity problems at individual schools which will serve the project site?  
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- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project create student transportation problems?  
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- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project create substantial library impacts due to increased population and demand?  
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- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_  
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MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Site Dedication ☐ Government Code Section 65995

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CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to educational facilities/services?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 5. Utilities/Other Services

SETTING/IMPACTS

- a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe ☐ Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have an inadequate ground water supply and proposes water wells?
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate water supply and/or pressure to meet fire fighting needs?
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project create problems with providing utility services, such as electricity, gas, or propane?
- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Are there any other known service problem areas (e.g., solid waste)?
- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any public services or facilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, roads)?
- f. ☒ ☐ ☐ Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_

STANDARD MITIGATION MEASURES

- ☒ Plumbing Code ☒ Ordinance No. 2269 ☐ Water Code ☐ Ordinance No. 7834

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/MITIGATIONS

- ☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to utilities/services?

- ☒ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

## OTHER FACTORS - 2. Environmental Safety

### SETTING/IMPACTS

- |    | Yes                                 | No                                  | Maybe                    |  |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are any hazardous materials used, transported, produced, handled, or stored on-site?   |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are any pressurized tanks to be used or any hazardous wastes stored on-site?   |
| c. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are any residential units, schools, or hospitals located within 500 feet and potentially adversely affected?   |
| d. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have there been previous uses which indicate residual soil toxicity of the site?   |
| e. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment involving the accidental release of hazardous material into the environment?  |
| f. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?  |
| g. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or environment? |
| h. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project result in a safety hazard for people in a project area located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip?                    |
| i. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?   |
| j. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____   |

### MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Toxic Clean-up Plan

Premises of facilities will be reviewed for safety by Building and Safety and the Fire Department; Regional Planning will review for traffic/access impacts and general compatibility.

### CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact relative to public safety?

☐ Potentially significant

☐ Less than significant with project mitigation

☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 4. Population/Housing/Employment/Recreation

SETTING/IMPACTS

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project induce substantial direct or indirect growth in an area (e.g., through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?
- c. ☒ ☒ ☐ Could the project displace existing housing, especially affordable housing?
- d. ☒ ☒ ☐ Could the project result in substantial job/housing imbalance or substantial increase in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?
- e. ☒ ☒ ☐ Could the project require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents?
- f. ☒ ☒ ☐ Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?
- g. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_

MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to population, housing, employment, or recreational factors?

☐ Potentially significant

☐ Less than significant with project mitigation

☒ Less than significant/No impact

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

→ Director of Planning  
Director of Public Works



At its meeting held October 10, 2000, the Board took the following action:

52 Supervisor Moiina made the following statement:

"As evidenced by numerous articles and reports, the need for childcare in Los Angeles County is great. The Child Care Needs Assessment completed earlier this year clearly identified that infant care was especially needed in the First Supervisorial District, as evidenced by the fact that we have less than three infant care slots for every 100 children estimated to need care. Furthermore, in 18 of the 87 zip codes I represent, there exists no licensed infant care capacity. In an effort to address this most urgent need, I created a program whereby existing childcare providers could receive grants which will enable them to expand their infant care capacity. The program resulted in almost \$900,000 granted to licensed providers, facilitating the creation of 220 additional infant care slots. As part of the grant process, my staff learned that certain provisions of the County Zoning Ordinance dealing with small and large family day care facilities are more restrictive than State laws, creating obstacles in establishing and maintaining affordable childcare facilities in Los Angeles County.

"I am committed to ensuring the availability of affordable childcare services to the residents of Los Angeles County. The County must explore options that would remove the unnecessary barriers that impede the development and expansion of affordable childcare homes and centers. The current County permit review process places undue burdens on an applicant seeking to expand capacity from a small to a large family childcare home. These burdens are in the form of additional review processes that are time consuming and application fees that create a financial hardship on the providers.

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"I, therefore, recommend that the Board instruct the Director of Planning to:

1. Survey other jurisdictions within California to ascertain how they regulate childcare facilities as a land-use category;
2. Review the provisions of the County Zoning Ordinance concerning small and large family day care facilities for consistency with State regulations; and
3. Report back to the Board within 60 days with recommendations on modifications to the County Zoning Ordinance that would eliminate unnecessary government regulations and ensure consistency with State law."

Supervisor Molina made the following additional statement:

"A conditional use permit is required for childcare facilities designed for more than 14 children. The permit alone is very costly. There are additional associated costs to prepare the required documents and maps. Once a childcare provider has received a permit from Regional Planning, they must also pay plan check and building permit fees with Building and Safety."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Director of Planning was instructed to take the following actions:

1. Survey other jurisdictions within California to ascertain how they regulate childcare facilities as a land-use category;
2. Review the provisions of the County Zoning Ordinance concerning small and large family day care facilities for consistency with State regulations; and
3. Report back to the Board within 60 days with recommendations on modifications to the County Zoning Ordinance that would eliminate unnecessary government regulations and ensure consistency with State law.

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In addition, the Directors of Planning and Public Works were instructed to report back to the Board within 60 days as to the feasibility of providing fee waivers for all permits and approvals required for small and large family day care facilities and childcare centers when the facility or center is the primary business use proposed for the site.

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Copies distributed:  
Each Supervisor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS  
DRAFT CHILD CARE FACILITIES ORDINANCE**

January 30, 2002

Staff presented the draft child care facilities ordinance to the Commission for review and possible action. The ordinance establishes new development standards and case processing procedures for child care facilities. The County is precluded by the State from applying zoning regulations to small family child care homes, so the ordinance essentially addressed large family child care homes (9 to 14 children) and child care centers.

The Commission heard testimony from the County's Child Care Coordinator and from representatives of the Child Care Roundtable. They stressed the severe shortage of child care spaces in the County and the often low incomes of providers. They also requested deletion or reduction of several of the suggested development standards, case processing requirements, and fees as being too onerous and costly for most providers, driving many providers and their facilities "underground".

After much discussion, the Commission continued the hearing, and directed staff to work with the child care representatives to resolve the remaining issues, and to return with a revised agreed-upon draft on March 27, 2002 for further Commission consideration.

March 27, 2002

Staff introduced a revised draft of the Child Care Facilities Ordinance to the Commission.

In accordance with Commission directions, staff worked with the child care representatives to prepare a revised draft ordinance. The ordinance is somewhat more lenient in regulating large family child care homes, and somewhat more restrictive than the prior draft in regulating child care centers.

Several child care representatives testified in support of the ordinance, but took exception with the \$100 registration fee for large family child care homes permitted by right, the for-profit \$313 fee for a director's review of large family day care homes with for-profit providers, the required notification and potential protest radius for a director's review for large family day care homes, and the requirements for a conditional use permit for child care centers in Zones R-3 and R-4.

The Commission discussed the child care representatives' requests, closed the public hearing, and made a preliminary recommendation of approval of the draft ordinance with the following changes:

- The fee for registration of a large family child care home as a permitted use shall be deleted.
- The fee for a director's review with minimal protests of a large family child care home submitted by a for-profit provider shall be reduced to \$156.
- The notification radius for a director's review with minimal protests for a large family child care home shall be reduced from 100 feet to include the two lots adjoining the project lot on either side on the same side of the street, the lot(s) directly across the street from the project lot, and the adjacent lots on either side of the lot(s) directly across the street from the project lot.
- Child care centers of 50 children or less shall be permitted by right in Zone R-3.
- Child care centers of unlimited size shall be permitted by right in Zone R-4.

The Commission also directed staff to come back with revised draft ordinance incorporating these revisions for discussion and possible action as soon as possible.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 22 OF THE LOS ANGELES**  
**COUNTY CODE (PLANNING AND ZONING)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Regional Planning Commission, County of Los Angeles has recommended certain amendments to the Zoning Code that will establish new development standards and case processing procedures for the construction of child care facilities in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles.

**NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. on \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to said Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code and Title 7 of the California Government Code (Planning and Zoning Law) for the purpose of hearing testimony relative to the adoption of the following amendments:

1. Amendments to establish new development standards and case processing procedures for the construction of child care facilities.
2. Such other amendments that, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors, should be considered at this time.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors in room 381 at the above address. If you do not understand this notice or need more information, please call Mr. Leonard Erlanger at (213) 974-6467.

**“ADA ACCOMMODATIONS:** If you require reasonable accommodations or auxiliary aid and services such as material in alternate format or a sign language interpreter, please contact the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Coordinator at (213) 974-6488 [VOICE] or (213) 617-2292 [TDD] with at least three business days notice.”

Si no entiende esta noticia or necesita mas informacion, por favor llame este numero: (213) 974-6432.

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